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SUBJECT: 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE IN GERMANY AS SUITABLE OCCASION FOR  
HIGH-LEVEL U.S. VISIT.

1. THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS WRITTEN  
ME TO ASK MY SUPPORT IN OBTAINING HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTA-  
TION AT THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY IN BERLIN NEXT SPRING.
2. WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR SITUATIONS WHERE,  
WITHIN OUR LIMITED RESOURCES, THE UNITED STATES CAN  
MAKE A MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTION TO THE VITALITY AND  
VIABILITY OF BERLIN. IT OCCURS TO ME THAT THIS EVENT  
MAY BE A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR SUCH A GESTURE AT THIS  
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE FOUNDING OF THE AMERICAN  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN GERMANY, WHICH WAS FOUNDED IN  
BERLIN IN 1903.
3. THE MEETING ALONE MIGHT BE A RATHER DRY AFFAIR,  
BUT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, THE CHAMBER WILL PRESENT

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A LARGE KINETIC SCULPTURE BY THE NOTED AMERICAN ARTIST  
GEORGE BAKER TO THE GERMAN OPERA HOUSE IN BERLIN. IT  
IS HOPED THAT AT THAT TIME A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL  
COULD UNVEIL THIS RATHER EXPENSIVE ART OBJECT, WHICH  
WILL BE AFFIXED TO THE OPERA HOUSE ITSELF.

4. SHOULD THERE BE ANY PLANS FOR A VISIT TO EUROPE

BY THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY OF STATE  
OR OTHER CABINET MEMBER IN THE SPRING OF 1978 AND WERE IT  
DEEMED POSSIBLE TO  
INCLUDE BERLIN IN SUCH A VISIT, THE DEDICATION  
CEREMONY AND 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE  
CHAMBER OFFER AN OCCASION FOR DRAMATIZING THE VISIT.  
IN ADDITION TO THE POLITICALLY SYMBOLIC IMPORTANCE OF  
THIS OCCASION, IT WOULD OFFER US AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
EMPHASIZE OUR SUPPORT FOR BERLIN AS A VIABLE AND  
RELEVANT PLACE OF BUSINESS.

5. THE CHAMBER HAS TOLD ME THAT THE MEETING DATE IS  
NOW PROJECTED FOR APRIL 14, 1978, BUT THEY WOULD BE  
FLEXIBLE REGARDING THE DATE IF THE VISIT AND PARTI-  
CIPATION OF A VERY SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL WERE POSSIBLE.

6. I WARMLY SUPPORT THE CHAMBER'S INITIATIVE IN  
SEEKING A SUITABLE HIGH-LEVEL U.S. OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE  
AND WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON'S THINKING AS  
TO WHETHER ESPECIALLY HIGH-LEVEL U.S. GOVERNMENT  
PARTICIPATION COULD BE ENVISAGED.  
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